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SUBJECT DISAPPEARANCE OF EDITOR JULIAN J. DELGADO

REF: USICA MEDIA REACT JUNE 14 (BUENOS AIRES 4524)

1. ADCM AND AIO MET WITH DIRECTORS OF EL CRONISTA  
COMERCIAL AND MERCADO AT THEIR REQUEST REGARDING  
THE DISAPPEARANCE OF EDITOR DIRECTOR JULIAN J DELGADO  
REPORTED REFTEL.

2. DIRECTORS ALBERTO BORRINI AND MARIO SEKIGUCHI  
TOLD EMB OFFICERS IN CONFIDENCE THEY WANTED URGENTLY  
TO AVOID ANY POSSIBLE MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE  
CIRCUMSTANCES OF DELGADO'S DISAPPEARANCE. THEY SAID  
THAT DELGADO HAD SUFFERED A SEVERE NERVOUS BREAKDOWN  
ABOUT SIX MONTHS AGO DUE TO OVERWORK AND HAD SUBSEQUENTLY  
BEEN UNDER MEDICAL TREATMENT. THEY SAID THAT THEY  
BELIEVED HIS DISAPPEARANCE WAS DUE TO HIS ILLNESS AND  
THAT THEY HAD ABSOLUTELY NO EVIDENCE THAT HE HAD BEEN  
THE VICTIM OF KIDNAPPING BY EITHER RIGHT OR LEFT WING  
GROUPS.

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3. BORRINI SAID THAT DELGADO WAS LAST SEEN BY HIS DOCTOR  
ON JUNE 4 AND THAT MRS. DELGADO NOTIFIED THE PAPER WHEN  
HE FAILED TO RETURN HOME SOME HOURS LATER. THE PAPER

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IMMEDIATELY LAUNCHED ITS OWN INVESTIGATION WITHOUT RESULTS. THEY THEN NOTIFIED INTERIOR MINISTER HARGUINDEGUY WHO BEGAN A "DISCREET INVESTIGATION" ALSO WITH NO RESULTS.

4. THE PAPER AND HARGUINDEGUY THEN AGREED TO MAKE THE STORY OF THE DISAPPEARANCE PUBLIC SO THE POLICE COULD BEGIN A NATIONWIDE SEARCH FOR THE MISSING MAN. SEKIGUCHI CRITICIZED THE BUENOS AIRES HERALD FOR ITS "HURRIED CONCLUSION" THAT LED THAT NEWSPAPER TO A "DISTORTION OF REALITY" AND TO THE "FALSE ASSUMPTION" THAT DELGADO HAD BEEN KIDNAPPED BY GOVERNMENT OR MONTONERO FORCES.

5. BOTH BORRINI AND SEKIGUCHI SAID THE GOA HAD BEEN FULLY COOPERATIVE IN THE EFFORT TO FIND THE MISSING EDITOR. THEY SAID NEITHER THEY NOR THE FAMILY HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY ANY OUTSIDER SINCE DELGADO DISAPPEARED.

6. COMMENT: IT WAS APPARENT THAT THE EL CRONSITA COMERCIAL DIRECTORS MADE AN UNUSUAL EFFORT TO MEK SURE THE EMBASSY WAS APPRISED OF WHAT THEY CONSIDERED TO BE THE TRUE FACTS OF THIS PARTICULAR CASE. IT IS LIKELY THEY HAD CONSULTED WITH HIGH GOA OFFICIALS WHO AGREED--OR EVEN URGED--THAT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY SHOULD BE GIVEN THE FULL BACKGROUND OF DELGADO'S DISAPPEARANCE, TO "AVOID MISUNDERSTANDINGS." THE REPORTING OFFICER WERE IMPRESSED BY THE SINCERITY OF BORRINI AND SEKIGUCHI AND THEIR CONCERN FOR DELGADO, HIS WELFARE AND THE FEELINGS OF HIS FAMILY.

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